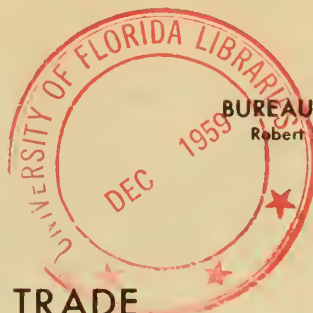


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## EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight decline in United States exports of domestic merchandise from \$1,464.2 million<sup>1</sup> in September to \$1,460.5 million<sup>1</sup> in October reflected decreases in exports of semimanufactures, crude foodstuffs, and crude materials which were largely offset by increases in exports of finished manufactures and manufactured foodstuffs. The October domestic merchandise export total was about eight percent less than the October 1958 total of \$1,584.1 million. M.S.P. (military) shipments are included in these totals.

Excluding M.S.P. (military) shipments, the October domestic merchandise export total was \$1,376.8 million, a level slightly less than the September total of \$1,384.5 million, and about two percent below the October 1958 total of \$1,402.8 million.

Exports of semimanufactures dropped noticeably from \$226.7 million in September to \$183.5 million in October. Many of the individual items included in this economic class registered small decreases during the period. The more noticeable of these were vegetable oils and fats, from \$11.8 to \$4.3 million;

<sup>1</sup>Available records indicate that there was an increase in September in the number of vessels loaded during that month but not departing until the first of the following month or later. This indicates that accelerated vessel loading took place at the end of September in anticipation of the longshoremen's strike. Some of this accelerated loading probably is reflected in the September totals, but merchandise loaded in September on vessels departing October first or later are included in the October totals in accordance with regular compiling procedures.

synthetic rubber, from \$17.6 to \$10.7 million; industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category type 1, from \$26.2 to \$20.9 million; and wood pulp, from \$11.4 to \$6.4 million. Decreases in exports of wheat, from \$47.9 to \$42.5 million and corn, from \$20.7 to \$16.0 million were the chief reasons for the decline in exports of crude foodstuffs from \$114.4 to \$107.2 million. Although the dollar value of exports of crude materials changed only slightly from September to October, \$186.2 to \$184.7 million, sizable counterbalancing changes were reported in exports of some of the individual commodities included in this economic class. Decreases were reported in exports of unmanufactured tobacco, from \$70.3 to \$39.2 million; and coal, from \$35.9 to \$31.5 million, while increases were reported in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from \$26.1 to \$46.2 million and oil seeds, from \$21.0 to \$32.6 million.

The increase in exports of finished manufactures from \$834.5 to \$876.5 million was due primarily to increases in exports of individual items included in this economic class as follows: passenger cars, from \$12.1 to \$22.3 million; ammunition, components and parts from \$10.8 to \$20.9 million; merchant ships, from \$0.6 to \$7.6 million; and railway transportation equipment, from \$5.7 to \$11.9 million. However, appreciable decreases were reported in exports of two items included in this economic class. They were cigarettes, from \$9.7 to \$4.5 million and paper and manufactures, from \$23.5 to \$19.9 million. Exports of manufactured foodstuffs rose from \$102.4 to \$108.7 million as increases in exports of dried and evaporated fruits, from \$2.1 to \$9.1 million, and milled rice, from \$6.5 to \$13.2 million, were partly offset by a drop in exports of manufactured foodstuffs for relief or charity, from \$10.8 to \$5.3 million.

### EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

**COVERAGE:** Export statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in exports.

**VALUATION:** The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or air-port of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are

excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

**EFFECT OF SAMPLING:** The value of export shipments individually valued at \$100 to \$499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. The estimated values are distributed among the individual commodity totals shown in the table. The probable variability in the export figures due to sampling is less than two percent of the individual totals shown, or less than \$50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is \$50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, and the January and June 1956 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:  
OCTOBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1959 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1958 include revisions published with the December 1958 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1959. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on data shown.)

Economic class and commodity	October 1959	September 1959	October 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Total.....value..	*1,460.5	*2,464.2	1,584.1	1,474.5	1,722.6
Crude materials.....value..	184.7	186.2	199.1	178.0	259.2
Hides and skins, raw, except furs.....value..	6.1	4.8	5.2	4.6	5.6
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible.....1,000 lb..	148,443	129,446	90,885	92,402	114,861
value..	10.7	9.5	7.8	8.0	10.0
Oil seeds.....value..	32.6	21.0	31.7	18.0	20.5
Tobacco, unmanufactured.....1,000 lb..	50,144	93,654	83,620	40,195	41,746
value..	39.2	70.3	63.1	29.5	29.9
Cotton, unmanufactured.....1,000 bales..	427	251	198	398	602
value..	46.2	26.1	25.2	55.1	88.3
Coal.....1,000 s.tons..	3,290	3,726	4,762	4,380	6,731
value..	31.5	35.9	46.7	43.8	69.1
Crude petroleum.....1,000 bbl..	258	151	330	361	4,187
value..	0.7	0.3	1.1	1.2	14.4
All other crude materials.....value..	17.8	18.4	18.4	17.8	21.4
Crude foodstuffs.....value..	107.2	114.4	114.6	106.7	111.0
Corn.....1,000 bu..	12,835	15,746	15,631	14,942	14,833
value..	16.0	20.7	19.8	19.6	20.9
Wheat.....1,000 bu..	25,527	27,627	29,587	27,484	34,664
value..	42.5	47.9	50.8	47.5	61.2
Other grains.....value..	21.6	23.5	20.6	20.0	9.0
Vegetables, fresh or dried.....1,000 lb..	163,947	128,700	162,949	118,444	117,439
value..	8.7	7.6	8.4	6.1	5.7
Fruits, fresh or frozen.....1,000 lb..	142,575	120,881	119,729	110,949	133,813
value..	10.3	9.1	9.3	8.9	9.1
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	0.1	0.3	0.6	0.3	(**)
All other crude foodstuffs.....value..	7.9	5.3	5.1	4.3	5.1
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	108.7	102.4	104.4	91.8	96.9
Meat and meat products.....1,000 lb..	34,487	36,365	25,999	19,702	28,757
value..	9.7	10.6	8.8	6.9	9.2
Lard.....1,000 lb..	67,845	57,279	39,322	32,212	41,781
value..	6.1	5.2	5.3	4.3	6.2
Dairy products.....1,000 lb..	53,141	56,035	28,980	39,530	46,895
value..	10.4	12.5	6.9	8.4	10.0
Fish, canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	6,258	7,655	11,125	3,437	5,807
value..	1.9	3.8	5.8	1.3	1.4
Milled rice.....1,000,000 lb..	201	90	132	103	133
value..	13.2	6.5	10.4	8.0	10.1
Wheat flour.....1,000 cwt..	1,684	2,379	2,854	2,259	2,207
value..	6.8	8.9	11.8	9.6	9.4
Vegetables, canned and prepared.....value..	4.4	3.8	4.0	3.6	3.8
Fruits, dried and evaporated.....1,000 lb..	43,367	9,394	24,893	16,305	17,198
value..	9.1	2.1	5.9	3.4	3.0
Canned fruits.....1,000 lb..	57,108	48,712	60,023	30,514	26,313
value..	7.7	6.6	8.8	4.7	3.9
Fruit juices, canned and frozen.....1,000 gal..	2,083	2,047	1,491	3,024	3,134
value..	3.0	3.0	2.4	3.9	3.3
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined.....1,000 lb..	65,893	54,343	42,559	66,807	42,901
value..	10.6	7.8	6.6	10.6	7.2
Sugar and related products.....value..	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.3
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies.....value..	5.3	10.8	12.1	12.5	(**)
All other manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	18.1	18.3	12.8	12.4	27.0
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	183.5	226.7	222.4	189.6	270.2
Leather.....value..	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.1	1.8
Synthetic rubber.....1,000 lb..	40,283	68,620	38,418	36,716	38,335
value..	10.7	17.6	10.4	9.8	10.2

See footnotes at end of table.



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OCTOBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	October 1959	September 1959	October 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> —Continued					
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	3.5	5.3	3.1	3.0	3.5
Vegetable oils and fats.....1,000 lb..	39,894	108,722	48,145	28,801	69,707
.....value..	4.3	11.8	5.4	3.5	9.8
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	30,230	41,366	24,904	24,573	27,406
.....value..	4.2	5.6	3.9	3.8	5.0
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	11,861	16,213	10,217	9,392	13,327
.....value..	1.8	2.7	1.6	1.7	2.4
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	12,196	14,857	9,665	9,105	8,956
.....value..	9.3	11.2	7.4	7.1	6.6
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd.ft..	70,934	76,067	62,292	60,596	68,903
.....value..	8.6	8.9	6.8	6.5	7.4
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	47	76	41	43	52
.....value..	6.4	11.4	6.4	6.5	8.0
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	2,818	2,345	3,460	3,313	6,496
.....value..	7.2	6.4	9.5	9.8	23.2
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	125	146	169	131	132
.....value..	3.1	3.6	4.2	3.3	3.7
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	0.1	0.1	1.9	1.3	6.7
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	8,344	4,723	38,968	20,516	35,772
.....value..	1.0	0.7	3.5	2.0	3.1
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	23,214	31,668	213,328	157,053	276,051
.....value..	3.8	4.3	19.9	15.0	25.6
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	36,720	50,481	102,084	82,467	133,750
.....value..	2.8	3.7	8.1	6.5	12.2
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	16.3	15.7	10.6	10.3	34.2
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	8.2	8.8	5.7	3.6	3.1
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	3.2	5.9	23.5	16.9	20.2
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	7.4	9.4	11.7	8.4	7.6
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	56,736	67,349	49,232	46,907	41,112
.....value..	21.4	24.7	18.1	17.4	15.6
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> ...value..	20.9	26.2	21.0	17.9	18.4
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	50,780	75,109	46,758	52,026	56,000
.....value..	5.0	7.3	4.7	5.0	5.9
Nitrogenous fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	49,056	68,449	142,031	106,124	179,727
.....value..	1.7	2.2	3.7	3.0	4.0
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> ....value..	730.0	731.1	728.6	725.2	732.1
Finished manufactures.....value..					
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	98	91	86	102	8146
.....value..	3.6	3.6	4.0	4.7	85.3
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	8.7	8.1	8.9	7.8	8.7
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,038	2,253	1,813	1,506	1,416
.....value..	4.5	9.7	7.6	6.4	5.6
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	0.5	1.9	0.5	0.7	0.5
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq.yd..	<sup>9</sup> 44,742	<sup>9</sup> 36,965	<sup>9</sup> 41,461	<sup>9</sup> 41,746	45,652
.....value..	<sup>9</sup> 10.8	<sup>9</sup> 9.9	<sup>9</sup> 10.8	<sup>9</sup> 11.3	12.3
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	8.7	8.1	9.3	8.1	8.7
Wool manufactures.....value..	1.7	1.0	1.1	0.7	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	15.5	14.2	15.0	12.4	14.5
Other textile manufactures.....value..	6.5	6.0	5.6	4.8	5.1
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.6	2.7
Paper and manufactures.....value..	19.9	23.5	19.3	18.3	18.4
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	7.1	8.3	12.2	10.9	16.1
Lubricating oil.....value..	15.0	14.4	16.4	15.5	16.2
Glass and products.....value..	7.7	8.0	7.6	6.6	6.7
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	4.3	4.9	16.0	19.9	32.0
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	39.1	40.5	42.9	40.0	43.1
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	22,596	27,923	27,313	32,383	31,716
.....value..	3.6	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.0
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	21.6	22.4	28.4	23.3	20.9
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	63.9	54.9	56.6	55.7	59.9
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	22.5	20.1	15.9	18.9	19.7
Construction, excavating, mining and related machinery.....value..	58.4	57.4	53.7	57.9	74.5
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	11.3	10.9	13.3	14.4	26.2
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	10.9	11.4	14.3	13.8	
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	10.1	9.0	7.1	7.9	10.4
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	69.8	69.6	76.0	75.6	77.8

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OCTOBER 1959 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity	October 1959	September 1959	October 1958	Monthly average	
				1958	1957
Finished manufactures--Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts.....value..	13.5	11.4	11.4	11.1	<sup>10</sup> 10.6
Agricultural machines, implements and parts.....value..	8.2	9.6	7.9	10.3	11.1
Tractors.....number..	3,573	3,312	3,107	4,183	4,392
value..	16.7	19.2	14.9	15.8	20.7
Tractor parts and accessories.....value..	12.0	13.7	9.2	10.1	11.0
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new).....number..	10,629	10,185	7,872	12,200	16,040
value..	23.1	21.7	17.3	24.5	36.2
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new).....number..	10,261	5,859	6,001	10,146	11,923
value..	22.3	12.1	13.0	21.5	25.1
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement.....value..	45.7	45.6	41.7	39.3	42.0
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new).....value..	9.8	5.1	20.9	18.1	14.3
Aircraft, parts and accessories.....value..	57.1	55.3	89.9	81.0	85.7
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c.....number..	26	8	5	11	28
value..	7.6	0.6	1.2	5.7	8.1
Railway transportation equipment.....value..	11.9	5.7	19.3	17.4	12.1
Antibiotics.....value..	6.3	5.9	6.2	5.5	6.9
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations.....value..	18.7	20.3	18.0	17.7	16.8
Soap and toilet preparations.....value..	2.3	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c.....value..	3.0	2.1	14.8	6.4	3.1
Ammunition, components and parts.....value..	20.9	10.8	14.5	15.6	17.5
Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	43.1	38.8	67.1	42.2	37.9
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1 <sup>6</sup> .....value..	125.6	130.0	124.1	121.1	133.2

\*See footnote one on front page of this report. \*\*Data for periods prior to January 1958 not available.

<sup>1</sup>Includes \$83.7 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$36.1 million to Western Europe). <sup>2</sup>Includes \$79.7 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$49.9 million to Western Europe). <sup>3</sup>Includes \$181.3 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$95.8 million to Western Europe). <sup>4</sup>Includes \$128.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$58.6 million to Western Europe). <sup>5</sup>Includes \$113.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments (\$59.4 million to Western Europe). <sup>6</sup>See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for explanation of Special Categories and list of commodities included. <sup>7</sup>For security reasons, data on exports of all forms of uranium, thorium and special nuclear material (Schedule B commodity numbers 62510-62590) are excluded from export statistics. <sup>8</sup>Data for periods prior to January 1958 also include new and used motorcycle tires and used truck, bus, and automobile tires. <sup>9</sup>Includes data for Schedule B commodity numbers 30399 and 30855, converted to square yards on the basis of four square yards per pound; and B number 30610, converted to square yards on the basis of three square yards per pound. <sup>10</sup>Data for periods prior to January 1958 do not include exports of electronic computers and parts.